

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CITY OF SAN DIEGO ETHICS COMMISSION**

January 3, 2002

5:00 P. M.

**City Administration Building, 12th Floor
Council Chambers
202 C Street**

MEMBERS

Dorothy Leonard, Chair
Albert Gaynor, Vice-Chair
Lisa Foster
Charles La Bella
April Riel
Dorothy Smith
Gregory Vega

Agenda Item No. 1 - Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Leonard at 5:00 p.m.

(Time: 5:00 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 2 - Roll Call.

The meeting began with all Commissioners present except for Commissioners Gaynor and Foster. Commissioner Foster arrived at 5:05 p.m. Commissioner Gaynor was previously excused.

(Time: 5:01 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of Commission Minutes.

The minutes for the meeting of December 13, 2001 were approved.

MOTION BY LA BELLA TO APPROVE MINUTES. Second by Riel. Passed by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gaynor excused and Foster absent.

(Time: 5:02 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 4 - Non-Agenda Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT 1 - Ken Loch, member of the Homeless community by choice, addressed the Commission about the next renaissance related to the arts, sciences and athletics.

(Time: 5:03 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 5 - Commissioner Comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT 1 - Chairperson Leonard wished the Commission Happy New Year.

(Time: 5:05 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 6 - Executive Director Comment.

Mr. Walker reported to the Commission on several topics:

1. Digital recording test of Commission meetings.
2. Ethics Commission record keeping.
3. Correspondence received from the public.
4. Speaking requests received.
5. Other cities' Ethics Commission startup experiences.
6. Mayor's State of the City Address.

(Time: 5:06 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 7 - Commission Procedures - Complaint, Investigation and Enforcement Procedures.

Deputy City Attorney Rick Duvernay reported on changes proposed to the Commission's enforcement procedures. There was a discussion regarding the statute of limitations, settlements, reasonable time limits, preliminary review, and hearing officers.

MOTION BY SMITH TO FORWARD THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL. Second by Vega. Passed by unanimous vote, with Commissioner Gaynor absent.

(Time: 5:15 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 8 - Ethics Ordinance.

Commissioner La Bella gave an overview of the ordinance. Mr. Walker reported that the City Clerk had requested a date change from October 1 to July 31 for semiannual disclosure of economic interests.

MOTION BY FOSTER TO INCLUDE THE ETHICS COMMISSIONERS AS HIGH LEVEL FILERS. Second by Vega. Passed by unanimous vote, with Commissioner Gaynor absent.

(Time: 5:38 p.m.)

Commissioner Foster was excused at 6:15.

(Time: 6:15 p.m.)

There was a discussion of revolving door restrictions and lobbying activities of former City officials.

MOTION BY RIEL TO APPROVE PROPOSED CITY OF SAN DIEGO ETHICS ORDINANCE DRAFT WITH AMENDMENTS STIPULATED AND FORWARD TO THE RULES COMMITTEE FOR A WORKSHOP. Second by La Bella. Passed by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gaynor and Foster absent.

(Time: 6:16 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 9 - Commission Personnel.

Deputy City Attorney Rick Duvernay discussed the first Resolution of the Ethics Commission approving the compensation package for the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission.

MOTION BY LA BELLA TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1. Second by Vega. Passed by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gaynor and Foster absent.

(Time: 6:23 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. 10 - Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Leonard at 6:28 p.m.

(Time: 6:27 p.m.)

Dorothy Leonard, Chairperson
Ethics Commission

Charles B. Walker, Executive Director
Ethics Commission

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